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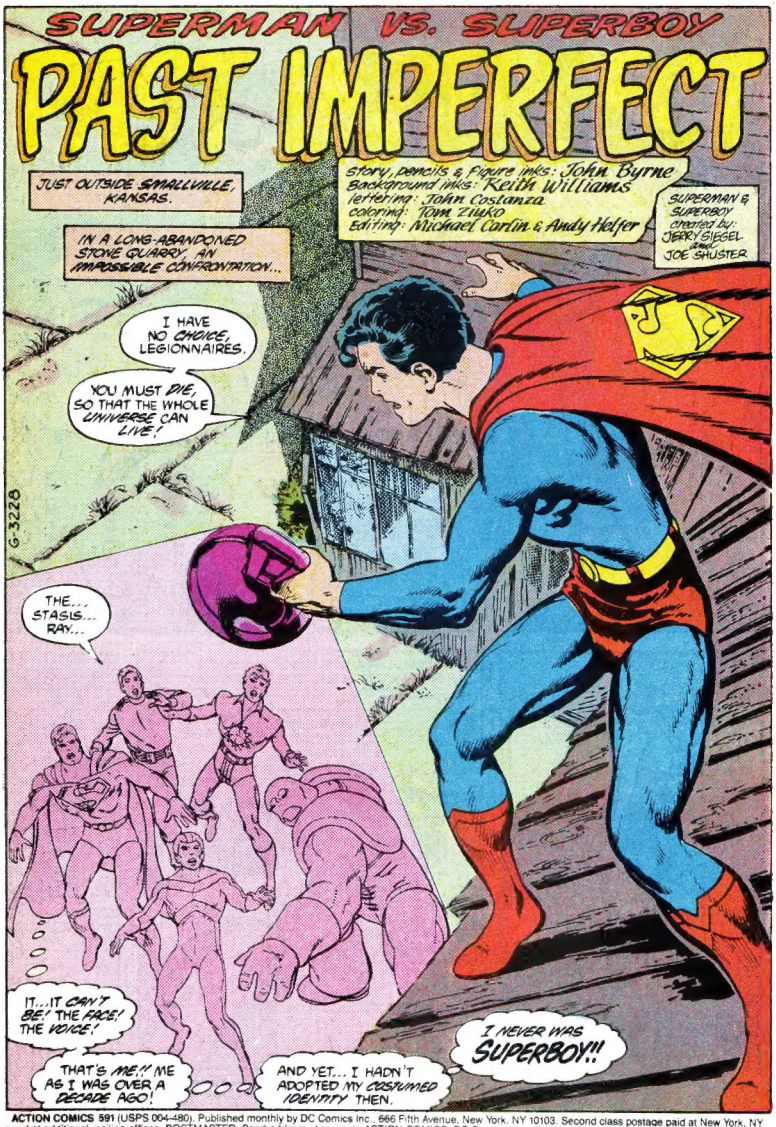
SMALLVILLE ISN'T BIG ENOUGH FOR THE BOTH OF US, SUPERMAN!
WHO watches the WATCHMEN?
ALSO FEATURING:
THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES™ &
KRYPTO the SUPERDOG™


SUPERMAN VS. SUPERBOY
PAST IMPERFECT
JUST OUTSIDE SMALLVILLE, KANSAS.
IN A LONG-ABANDONED STONE QUARRY, AN IMPOSSIBLE CONFRONTATION...
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I HAVE NO CHOICE, LEGIONNAIRES.
YOU MUST DIE, SO THAT THE WHOLE UNIVERSE CAN LIVE!
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THE... STASIS... RAY...
IT...IT CAN'T BE! THE FACE! THE VOICE!
THAT'S ME!" ME AS I WAS OVER A DECADE AGO!
AND YET... I HADN'T ADOPTED MY COSTUMED IDENTITY THEN.
I NEVER WAS SUPERBOY!!

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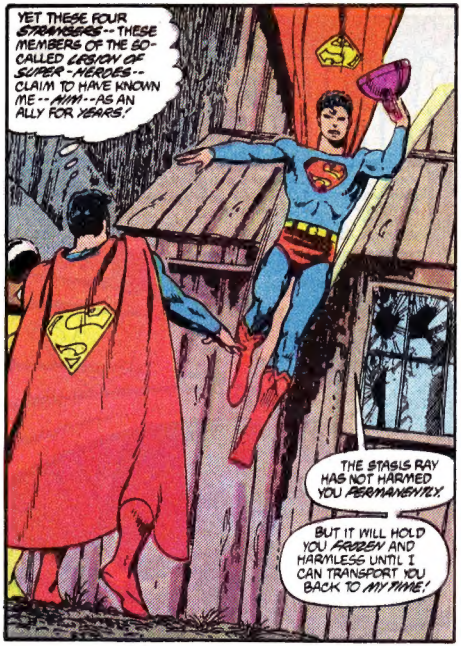
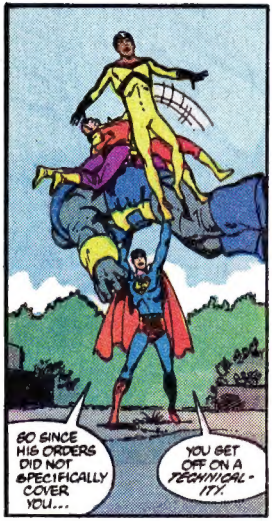
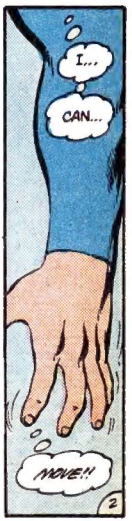
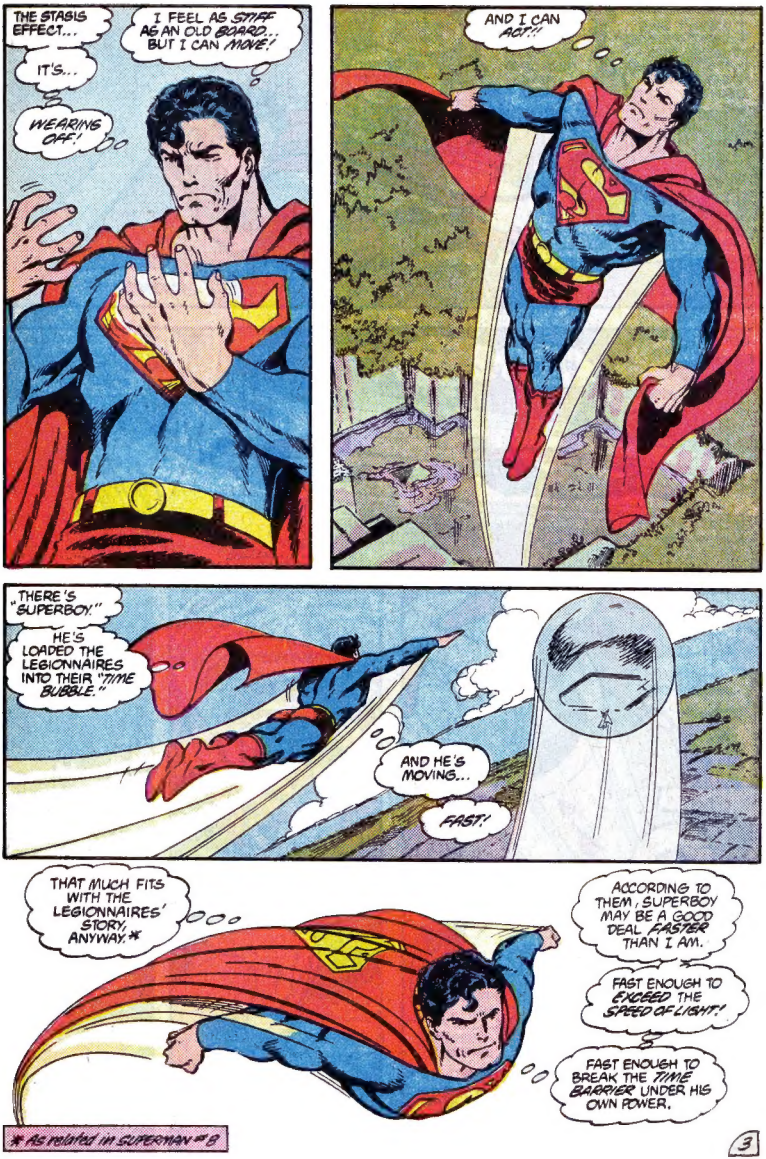

YET THESE FOUR STRANGERS -- THESE MEMBERS OF THE SO-CALLED LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES -- CLAIM TO HAVE KNOWN ME -- AVM -- AS AN ALLY FOR YEARS!
THE STAGIS RAY HAS NOT HARMED YOU PERMANENTLY.
BUT IT WILL HOLD YOU FROZEN AND HARMLESS UNTIL I CAN TRANSPORT YOU BACK TO MY TIME!

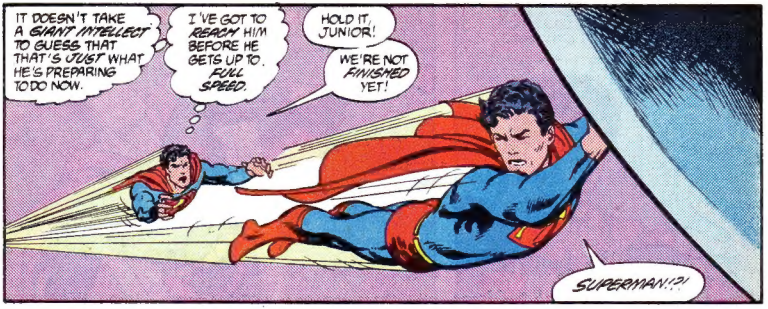
EXCEPT FOR YOU, MY SUPPOSED OTHER SELF
YOU'RE NOT THE SUPERMAN I'LL GROW UP TO BECOME, THAT'S OBVIOUS.
BUT... BUT SOMEHOW I STILL CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO DELIVER YOU TO THE MASTER!

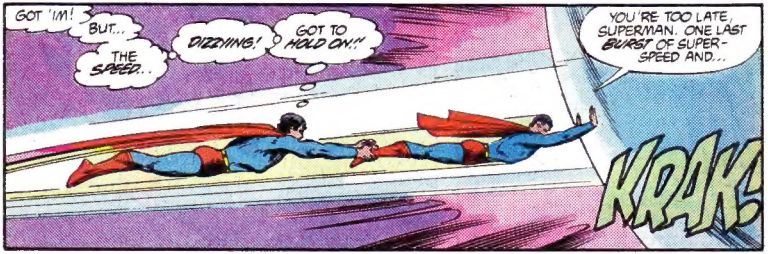

SO SINCE HIS ORDERS DID NOT SPECIFICALLY COVER YOU...
YOU GET OFF ON A TECHNICALITY.

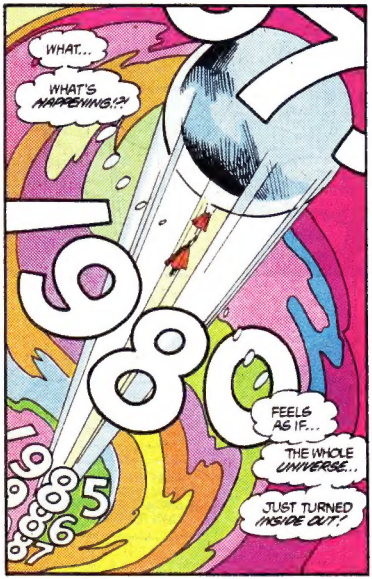
FAREWELL, SUPERMAN.
HE'S STACKED UP THE LEGIONNAIRES LIKE SO MUCH COORDWOOD!
I CAN'T LET HIM JUST FLY OFF WITH THEM...
BUT, FROZEN LIKE THIS, WHAT CAN I...
WAIT...


I...
CAN...
MOVE!!


THE STASIS EFFECT...
I FEEL AS STIFF AS AN OLD BOARD... BUT I CAN MOVE!
IT'S...
WEARING OFF!
AND I CAN ACT!!
THERE'S "SUPERBOY."
HE'S LOADED THE LEGIONNAIRES INTO THEIR "TIME BUBBLE."
AND HE'S MOVING...
FAST!
THAT MUCH FITS WITH THE LEGIONNAIRES' STORY, ANYWAY.*
ACCORDING TO THEM, SUPERBOY MAY BE A GOOD DEAL FASTER THAN I AM.
FAST ENOUGH TO EXCEED THE SPEED OF LIGHT!
FAST ENOUGH TO BREAK THE TIME BARRIER UNDER HIS OWN POWER.
* As related in SUPERMAN #8


IT DOESN'T TAKE A GIANT INTELLECT TO GUESS THAT THAT'S JUST WHAT HE'S PREPARING TO DO NOW.
I'VE GOT TO REACH HIM BEFORE HE GETS UP TO FULL SPEED.
HOLD IT, JUNIOR!
WE'RE NOT FINISHED YET!
SUPERMAN!?!





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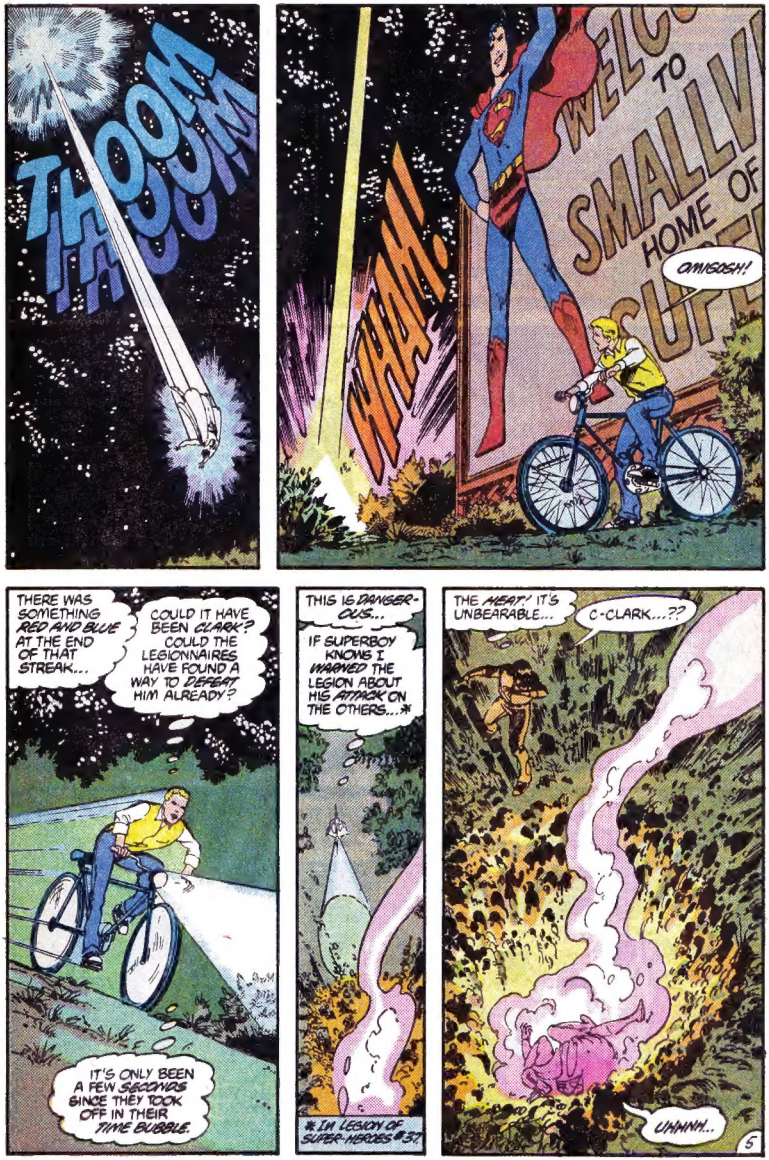
THOOM
THOOM
WHAM!
TO
SMALLV
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SUPE
AMIGOSH!
THERE WAS SOMETHING *RED AND BLUE* AT THE END OF THAT STREAK...
COULD IT HAVE BEEN *CLARK*? COULD THE LEGIONNAIRES HAVE FOUND A WAY TO *DEFEAT* HIM ALREADY?
IT'S ONLY BEEN A FEW *SECONDS* SINCE THEY TOOK OFF IN THEIR *TIME BUBBLE*.
THIS IS *DANGEROUS*...
IF SUPERBOY KNOWS I *WARNED* THE LEGION ABOUT HIS *ATTACK* ON THE OTHERS...*
* IN LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #37
THE *HEAT*! IT'S UNBEARABLE...
C-CLARK...??
UHHHH..
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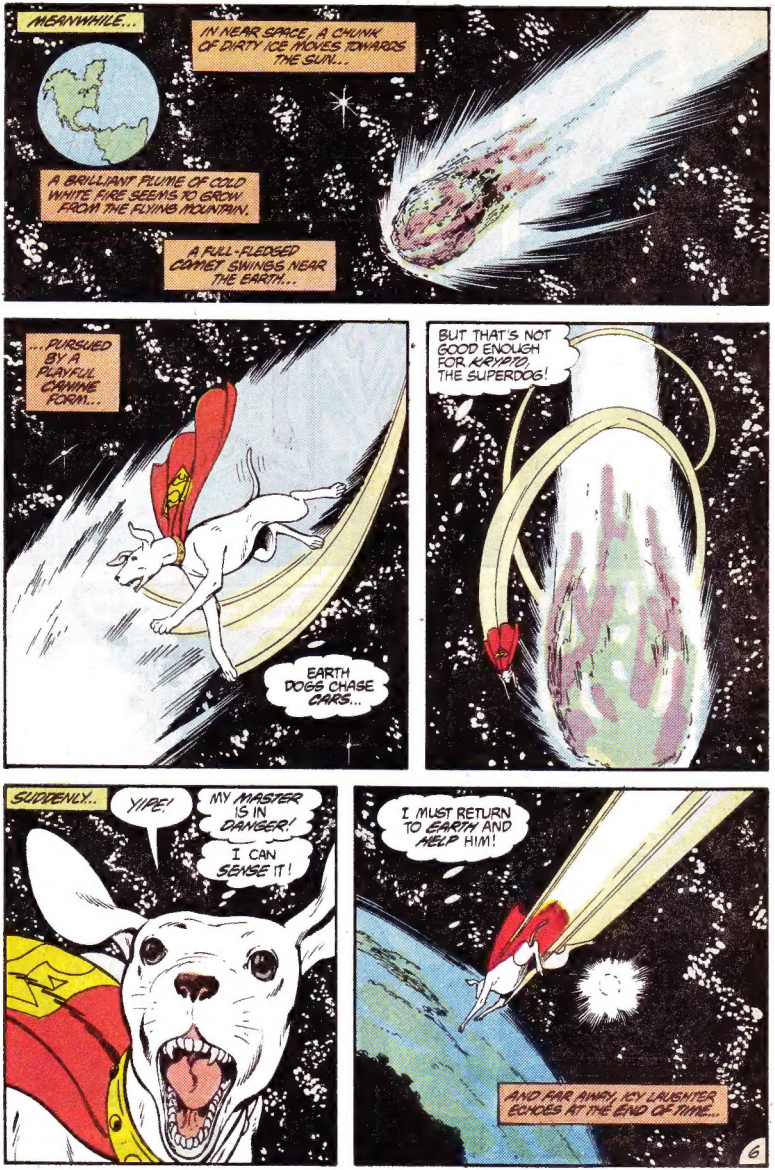
MEANWHILE...
IN NEAR SPACE, A CHUNK OF DIRTY ICE MOVES TOWARDS THE SUN...
A BRILLIANT PLUME OF COLD WHITE FIRE SEEMS TO GROW FROM THE FLYING MOUNTAIN.
A FULL-FLEDGED COMET SWINGS NEAR THE EARTH...
...PURSUED BY A PLAYFUL CANINE FORM...
EARTH DOGS CHASE CARS...
BUT THAT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR KRYPTO, THE SUPERDOG!
SUDDENLY..
YIIPE!
MY MASTER IS IN DANGER!
I CAN SENSE IT!
I MUST RETURN TO EARTH AND HELP HIM!
AND FAR AWAY, ICY LAUGHTER ECHOES AT THE END OF TIME...
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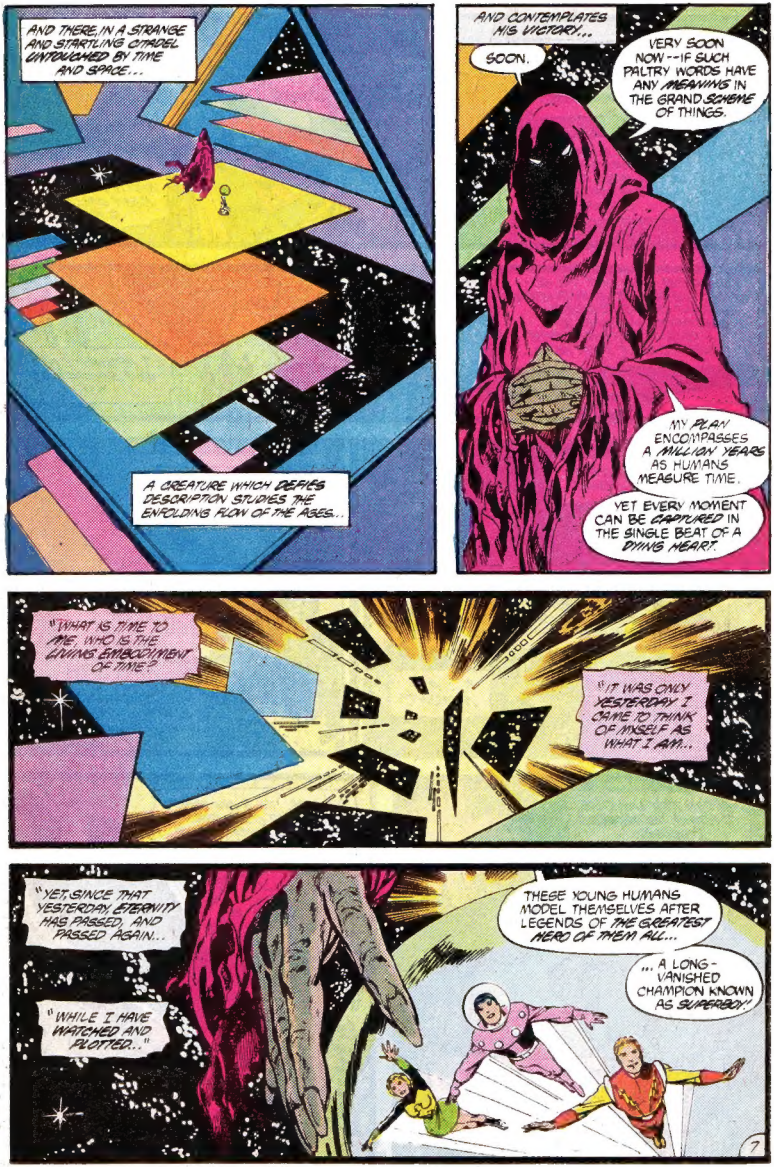
AND THERE, IN A STRANGE AND STARTLING CITADEL UNTOUCHED BY TIME AND SPACE...
A CREATURE WHICH DEFIES DESCRIPTION STUDIES THE ENFOLDING FLOW OF THE AGES..
AND CONTEMPLATES HIS VICTORY...
SOON.
VERY SOON NOW--IF SUCH PALTRY WORDS HAVE ANY MEANING IN THE GRAND SCHEME OF THINGS.
MY PLAN ENCOMPASSES A MILLION YEARS AS HUMANS MEASURE TIME.
YET EVERY MOMENT CAN BE CAPTURED IN THE SINGLE BEAT OF A DYING HEART.
"WHAT IS TIME TO ME, WHO IS THE LIVING EMBODIMENT OF TIME?
"IT WAS ONLY YESTERDAY I CAME TO THINK OF MYSELF AS WHAT I AM...
"YET, SINCE THAT YESTERDAY, ETERNITY HAS PASSED, AND PASSED AGAIN...
"WHILE I HAVE WATCHED AND PLOTTED.."
THESE YOUNG HUMANS MODEL THEMSELVES AFTER LEGENDS OF THE GREATEST HERO OF THEM ALL...
... A LONG-VANISHED CHAMPION KNOWN AS SUPERBOY!"
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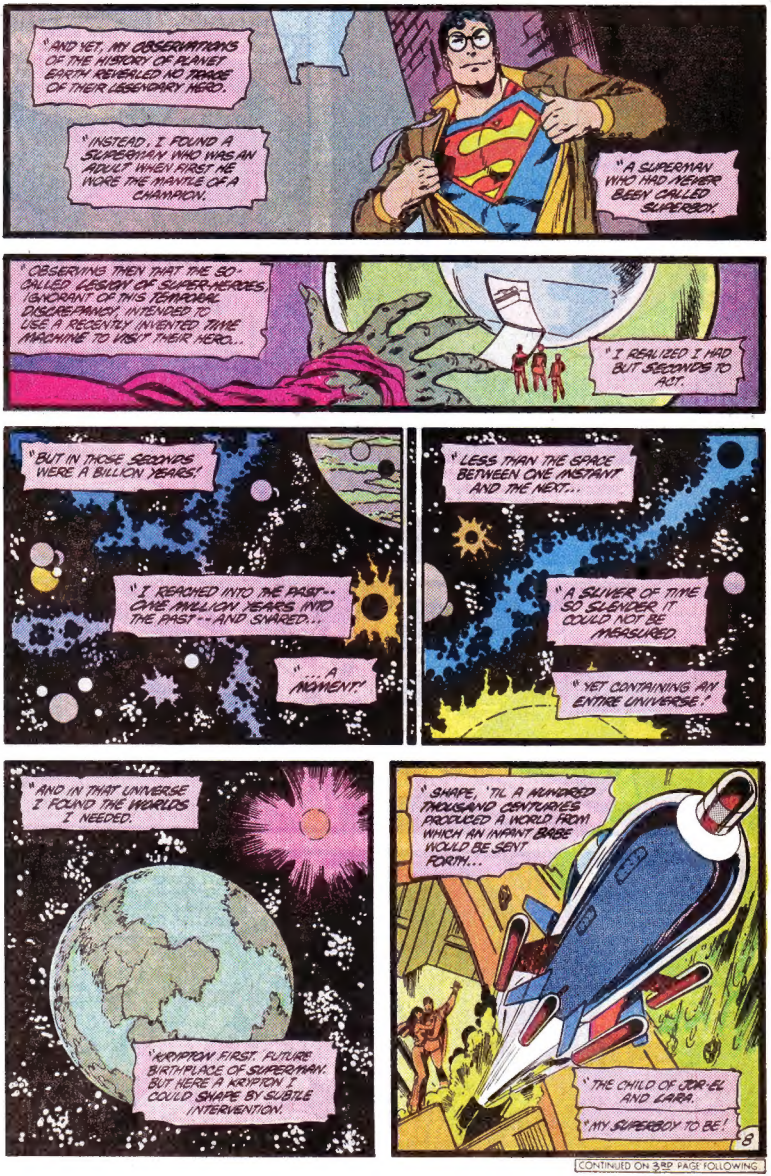
"AND YET, MY OBSERVATIONS OF THE HISTORY OF PLANET EARTH REVEALED NO TRACE OF THEIR LEGENDARY HERO.
"INSTEAD, I FOUND A SUPERMAN WHO WAS AN ADULT WHEN FIRST HE WORE THE MANTLE OF A CHAMPION.
"A SUPERMAN WHO HAD NEVER BEEN CALLED SUPERBOY.
"OBSERVING THEN THAT THE SO-CALLED LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES, IGNORANT OF THIS TEMPORAL DISCREPANCY, INTENDED TO USE A RECENTLY INVENTED TIME MACHINE TO VISIT THEIR HERO...
"I REALIZED I HAD BUT SECONDS TO ACT.
"BUT IN THOSE SECONDS WERE A BILLION YEARS!
"I REACHED INTO THE PAST--ONE MILLION YEARS INTO THE PAST--AND SNARED...
"...A MOMENT!
"LESS THAN THE SPACE BETWEEN ONE INSTANT AND THE NEXT...
"A SLIVER OF TIME SO SLENDER IT COULD NOT BE MEASURED.
"YET CONTAINING AN ENTIRE UNIVERSE."
"AND IN THAT UNIVERSE I FOUND THE WORLDS I NEEDED.
"KRYPTON FIRST. FUTURE BIRTHPLACE OF SUPERMAN. BUT HERE A KRYPTON I COULD SHAPE BY SUBTLE INTERVENTION.
"SHAPE, 'TIL A HUNDRED THOUSAND CENTURIES PRODUCED A WORLD FROM WHICH AN INFANT BABE WOULD BE SENT FORTH...
"THE CHILD OF JOR-EL AND LARA.
"MY SUPERBOY TO BE!
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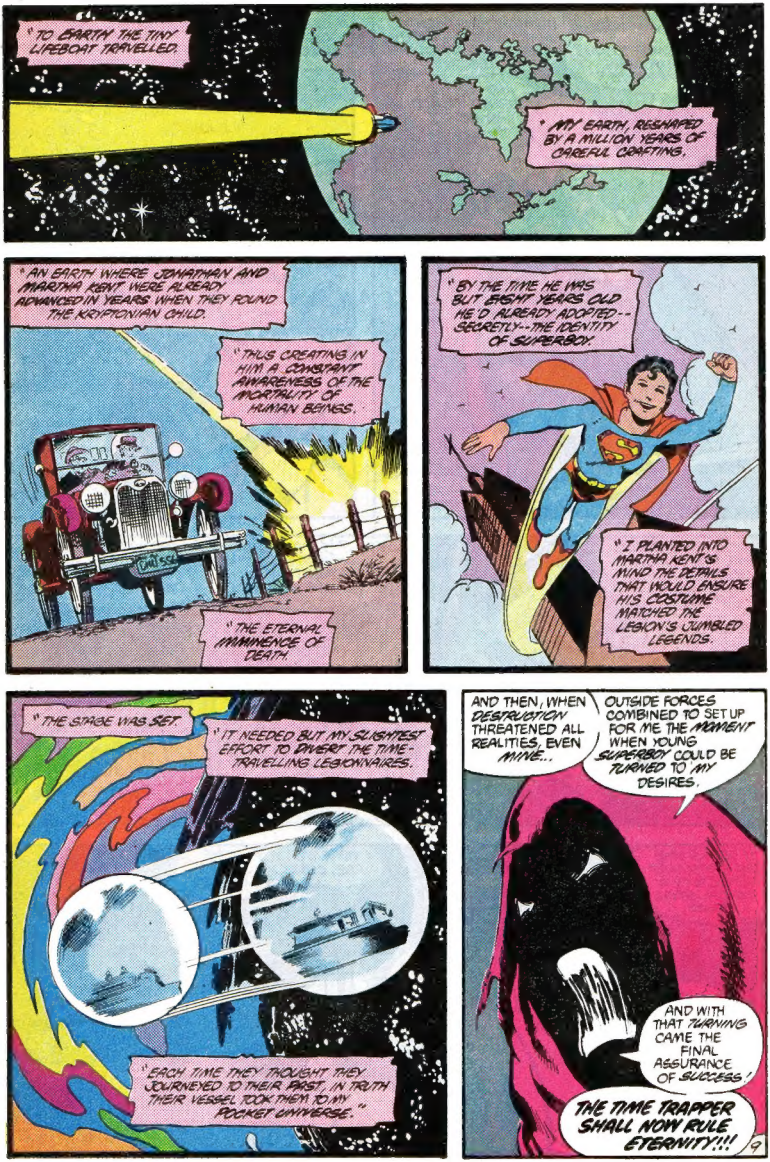
"TO EARTH THE TINY LIFEBOAT TRAVELLED.
"MY EARTH, RESHAPED BY A MILLION YEARS OF CAREFUL COMPTING.
"AN EARTH WHERE JONATHAN AND MARTHA KENT WERE ALREADY ADVANCED IN YEARS WHEN THEY FOUND THE KRYPTONIAN CHILD.
"THUS CREATING IN HIM A CONSTANT AWARENESS OF THE MORTALITY OF HUMAN BEINGS.
"THE ETERNAL IMMINENCE OF DEATH
"BY THE TIME HE WAS BUT EIGHT YEARS OLD HE'D ALREADY ADOPTED--SECRETLY--THE IDENTITY OF SUPERBOY.
"I PLANTED INTO MARTHA KENT'S MIND THE DETAILS THAT WOULD ENSURE HIS COSTUME MATCHED THE LEGION'S JUMBLED LEGENDS.
"THE STAGE WAS SET.
"IT NEEDED BUT MY SLIGHTEST EFFORT TO DIVERT THE TIME-TRAVELLING LEGIONNAIRES.
"EACH TIME THEY THOUGHT THEY JOURNEYED TO THEIR PAST, IN TRUTH THEIR VESSEL TOOK THEM TO MY POCKET UNIVERSE."
AND THEN, WHEN DESTRUCTION THREATENED ALL REALITIES, EVEN MINE...
OUTSIDE FORCES COMBINED TO SET UP FOR ME THE MOMENT WHEN YOUNG SUPERBOY COULD BE TURNED TO MY DESIRES.
AND WITH THAT TURNING CAME THE FINAL ASSURANCE OF SUCCESS!
THE TIME TRAPPER SHALL NOW RULE ETERNITY!!!
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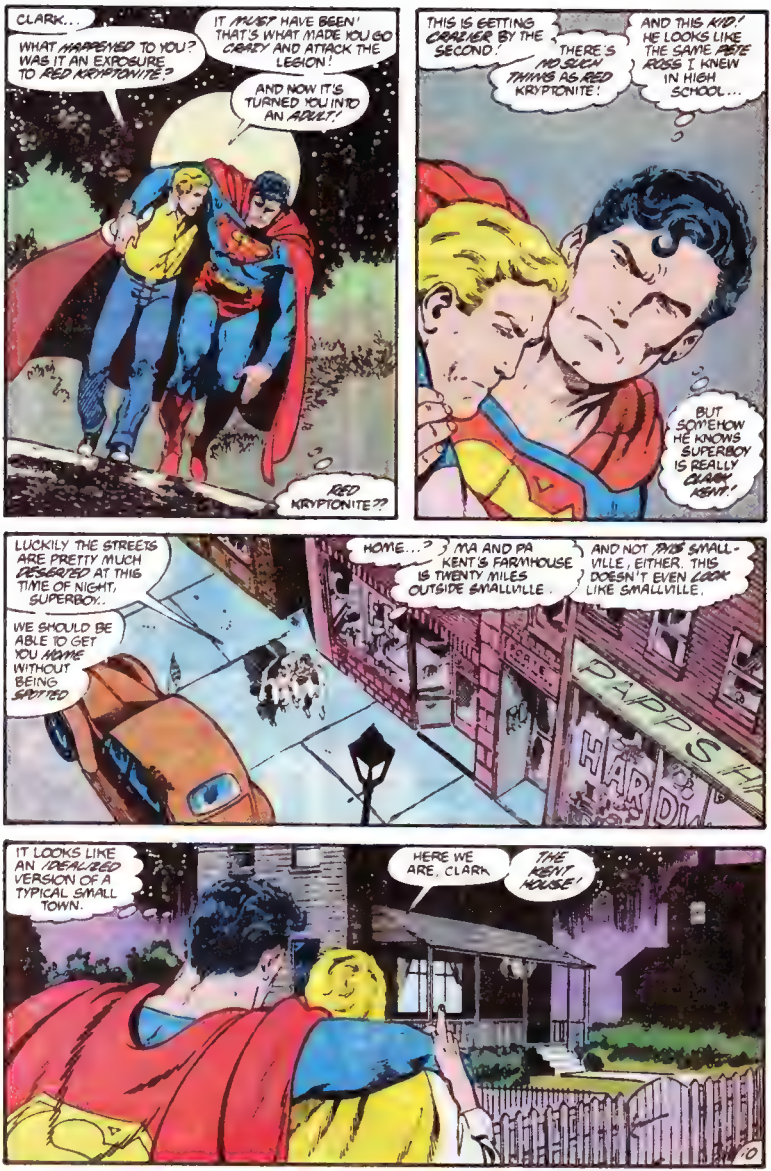
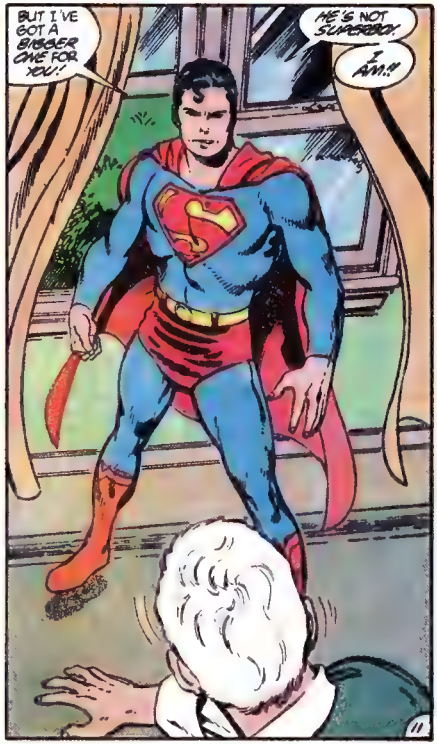

CLARK...
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU? WAS IT AN EXPOSURE TO RED KRYPTONITE?
IT MUST HAVE BEEN! THAT'S WHAT MADE YOU GO CRAZY AND ATTACK THE LEGION!
AND NOW IT'S TURNED YOU INTO AN ADULT!
RED KRYPTONITE??
THIS IS GETTING CRAZIER BY THE SECOND!
THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS RED KRYPTONITE!
AND THIS KID! HE LOOKS LIKE THE SAME PAL ROSS I KNEW IN HIGH SCHOOL...
BUT SOMEHOW HE KNOWS SUPERBOY IS REALLY CLARK KENT!
LUCKILY THE STREETS ARE PRETTY MUCH DESERTED AT THIS TIME OF NIGHT, SUPERBOY.
WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET YOU HOME WITHOUT BEING SPOTTED
HOME...?
MA AND PA KENT'S FARMHOUSE IS TWENTY MILES OUTSIDE SMALLVILLE.
AND NOT EVEN SMALLVILLE, EITHER. THIS DOESN'T EVEN LOOK LIKE SMALLVILLE.
PAPP'S
HARDW
IT LOOKS LIKE AN IDEALIZED VERSION OF A TYPICAL SMALL TOWN.
HERE WE ARE, CLARK.
THE KENT HOUSE!

MR. AND MRS. KENT! HELP US!
YOUR SON IS IN BIG TROUBLE!
WHAT...??
P-PETE ROSS? WITH ... S-SUPERBOY...???
WHY...WHY DID YOU BRING HIM HERE, PETE?
WHERE'S CLARK?

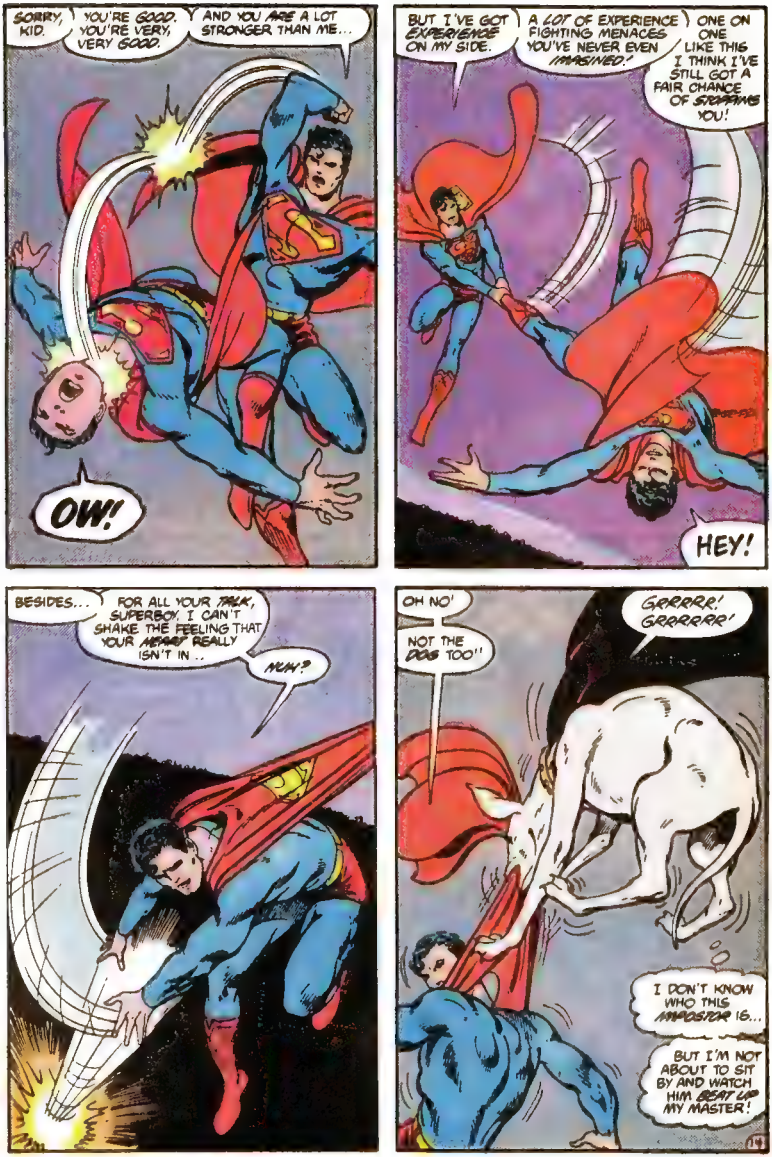
NO TIME FOR THE OLD GAMES NOW, MRS. KENT.
I'VE KNOWN FOR SOME TIME NOW THAT CLARK IS SUPERBOY, BUT I SWORE TO MYSELF TO KEEP THAT KNOWLEDGE SECRET!

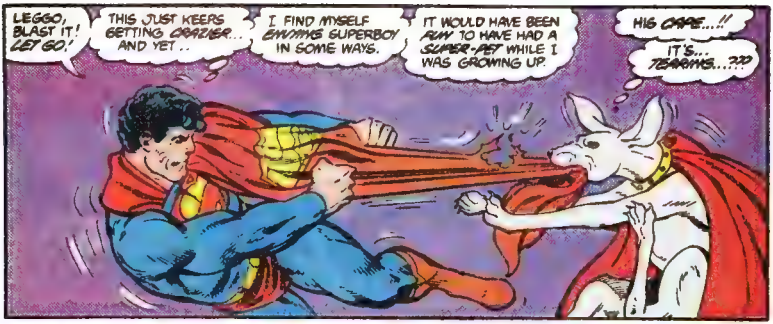
I DON'T HAVE THAT CHOICE ANY LONGER. SOMETHING'S TURNED CLARK INTO AN ADULT.
AND TURNED HIM AGAINST THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES!
YOU... YOU KNOW ABOUT ALL THAT TOO, PETE?
C-CLARK?
THIS REALLY DOES LOOK LIKE HIM... THE WAY I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT HE'D LOOK AS SUPERMAN. BUT...
INCREDIBLE! THEY DON'T QUITE LOOK LIKE MY ADOPTIVE PARENTS...
BUT THE... FEELING IS RIGHT.
SOMEHOW... THEY ARE MA AND PA KENT!
THIS IS ALL QUITE A SURPRISE, PETE.

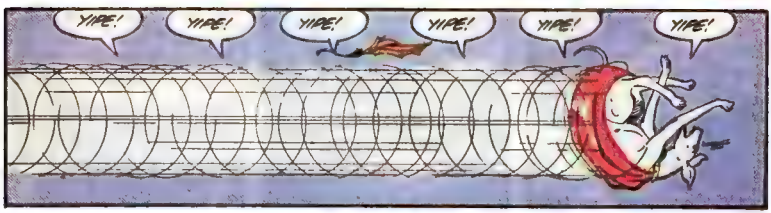

BUT I'VE GOT A BIGGER ONE FOR YOU!
HE'S NOT SUPERBOY!
I AM!!

WHAM!

YIPE!
MY MASTER! HE IS IN TROUBLE!
I'VE GOT TO...
TO...
MASTER...??
WHAT THE...??
A FLYING DOG?? WITH A CAPE??
HE...HE DOESN'T RECOGNIZE ME?!
OH, MASTER! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO ...YOU???
KRYPTO,!?!
GET OUT OF THE WAY, FELLA! THAT'S NOT ME!
?!?
OUFF!!
YOU MIGHT AS WELL GIVE UP RIGHT NOW, SUPERMAN.
I'VE ALREADY PROVEN I'M STRONGER THAN YOU!


SORRY, KID.
YOU'RE GOOD. YOU'RE VERY, VERY GOOD.
AND YOU ARE A LOT STRONGER THAN ME...
OW!
BUT I'VE GOT EXPERIENCE ON MY SIDE.
A LOT OF EXPERIENCE FIGHTING MENACES YOU'VE NEVER EVEN IMAGINED!
ONE ON ONE LIKE THIS I THINK I'VE STILL GOT A FAIR CHANCE OF STOPPING YOU!
HEY!
BESIDES...
FOR ALL YOUR TALK, SUPERBOY, I CAN'T SHAKE THE FEELING THAT YOUR HEART REALLY ISN'T IN ..
HUH?
OH NO!
NOT THE DOG TOO!!
GRRRR! GRRRRR!
I DON'T KNOW WHO THIS IMPOSTOR IS...
BUT I'M NOT ABOUT TO SIT BY AND WATCH HIM BEAT UP MY MASTER!


LEGGO, BLAST IT! LET GO!
THIS JUST KEERS GETTING CRAZIER... AND YET...
I FIND MYSELF ENVYING SUPERBOY IN SOME WAYS.
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN FUN TO HAVE HAD A SUPER-PET WHILE I WAS GROWING UP.
HIS CAPE...!!
IT'S... TEARING...???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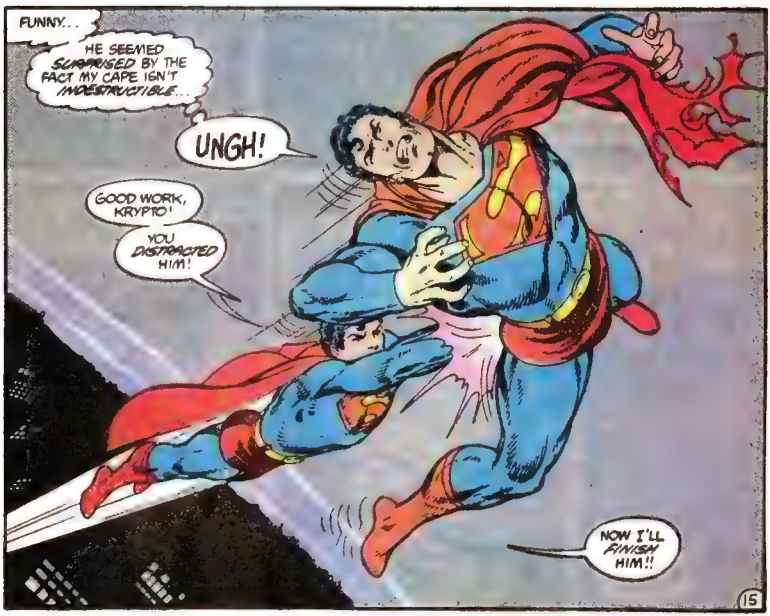
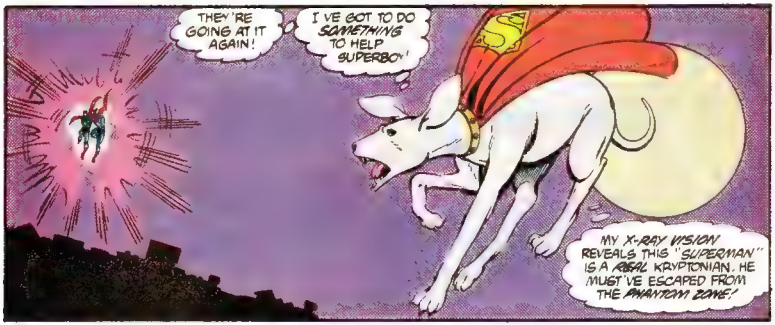
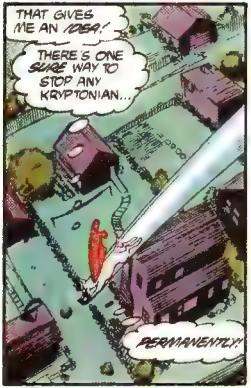
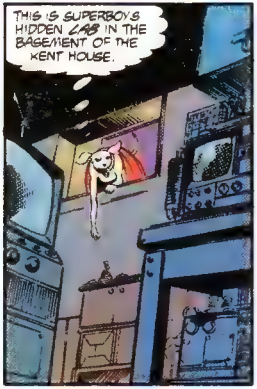

FUNNY...
HE SEEMED SURPRISED BY THE FACT MY CAPE ISN'T INDESTRUCTIBLE...
UNGH!
GOOD WORK, KRYPTO!
YOU DISTRACTED HIM!
NOW I'LL FINISH HIM!!


THEY'RE GOING AT IT AGAIN!
I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING TO HELP SUPERBOY!
MY X-RAY VISION REVEALS THIS "SUPERMAN" IS A FAKE KRYPTONIAN. HE MUST'VE ESCAPED FROM THE PHANTOM ZONE!





GREEN KRYPTONITE CAN KILL A KRYPTONIAN. RED K CAUSES BIZARRE PHYSICAL MUTATIONS... WHITE K KILLS ONLY PLANTS...
GOLD K
GOLD K IS THE ONE I WANT!

BUT... TO DO WHAT I WANT TO DO WITHOUT ENDANGERING SUPERBOY, I'LL HAVE TO CARRY THE GOLD K OUT IN THE OPEN WHERE HE CAN SEE IT!
THE LEAD CONTAINER WILL BLOCK HIS X-RAY VISION...
AND THAT MEANS...
I'LL HAVE TO EXPOSE MYSELF TO THE GOLD K RADIATION!

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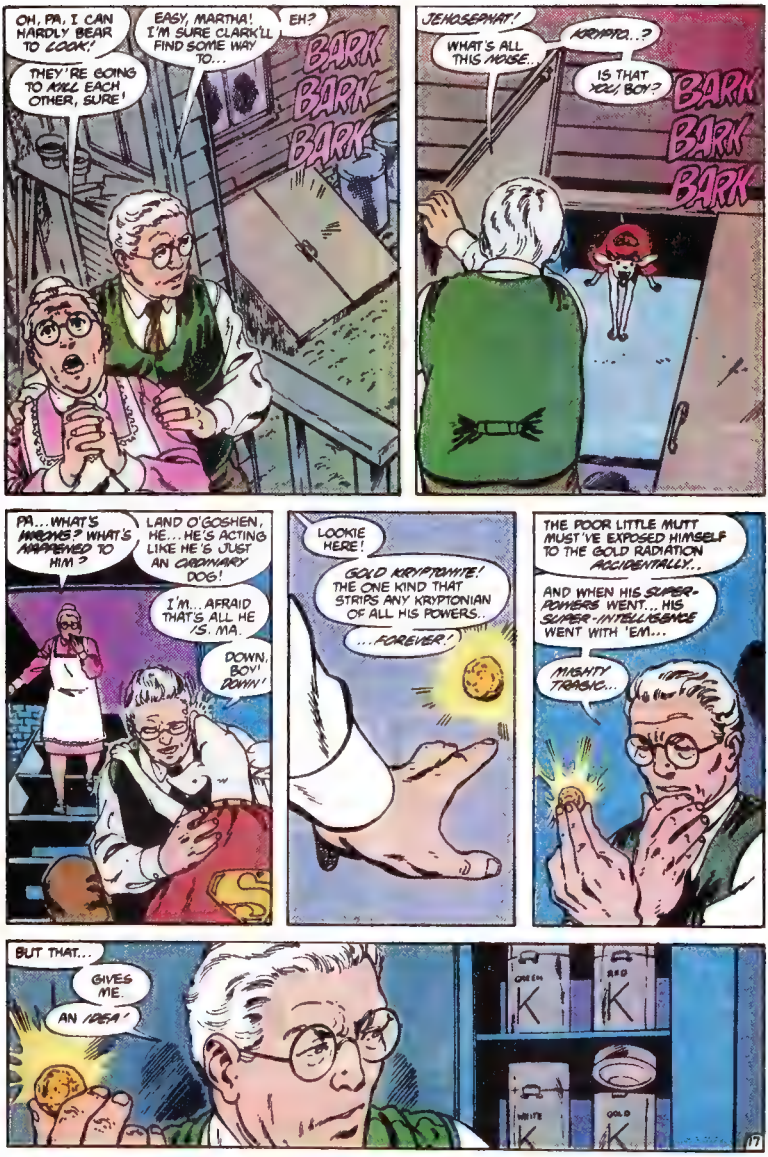
OH, PA, I CAN HARDLY BEAR TO LOOK!
THEY'RE GOING TO KILL EACH OTHER, SURE!
EASY, MARTHA! I'M SURE CLARK'LL FIND SOME WAY TO...
EH?
BARK BARK BARK
JEHOSEPHAT!
WHAT'S ALL THIS NOISE...
KRYPTO...?
IS THAT YOU, BOY?
BARK BARK BARK
PA... WHAT'S HAPPENED? WHAT'S HAPPENED TO HIM?
LAND O'GOSHEN, HE... HE'S ACTING LIKE HE'S JUST AN ORDINARY DOG!
I'M... AFRAID THAT'S ALL HE IS, MA.
DOWN, BOY! DOWN!
LOOKIE HERE!
GOLD KRYPTONITE! THE ONE KIND THAT STRIPS ANY KRYPTONIAN OF ALL HIS POWERS..
...FOREVER!
THE POOR LITTLE MUTT MUST'VE EXPOSED HIMSELF TO THE GOLD RADIATION ACCIDENTALLY..
AND WHEN HIS SUPER-POWERS WENT... HIS SUPER-INTELLIGENCE WENT WITH 'EM...
MIGHTY TRAGIC...
BUT THAT...
GIVES ME...
AN IDEA!
GREEN
RED
WHITE
GOLD
K
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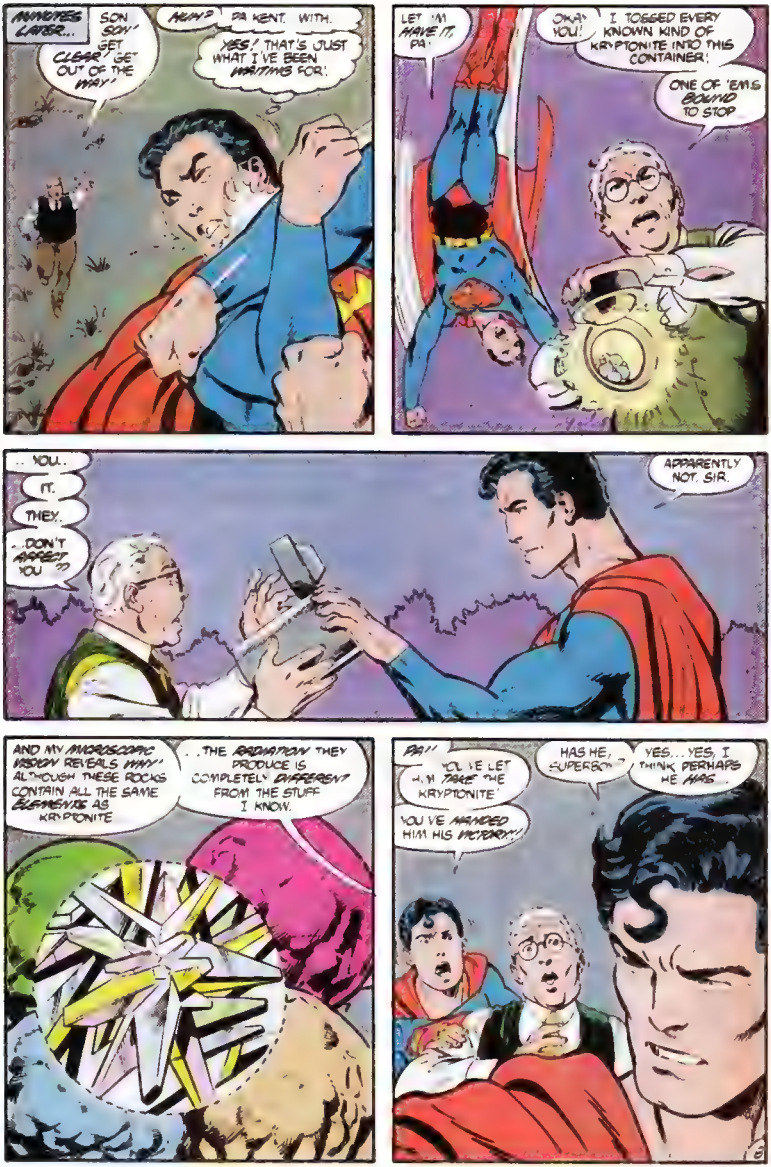
MOMENTS LATER...
SON SON! GET CLEAR! GET OUT OF THE WAY!
HUH? PA KENT. WITH.
YES! THAT'S JUST WHAT I'VE BEEN HOPING FOR!
LET 'M HAVE IT, PA!
OKAY YOU!
I TOSSED EVERY KNOWN KIND OF KRYPTONITE INTO THIS CONTAINER!
ONE OF 'EM'S BOUND TO STOP
.. YOU..
IT.
THEY.
..DON'T AFFECT YOU ??
APPARENTLY NOT, SIR.
AND MY MICROSCOPIC VISION REVEALS WHY! ALTHOUGH THESE ROCKS CONTAIN ALL THE SAME ELEMENTS AS KRYPTONITE
..THE RADIATION THEY PRODUCE IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM THE STUFF I KNOW.
PA!!
YOU'VE LET HIM TAKE THE KRYPTONITE!
YOU'VE HANDED HIM HIS VICTORY!!
HAS HE, SUPERBOY?
YES...YES, I THINK PERHAPS HE HAS..
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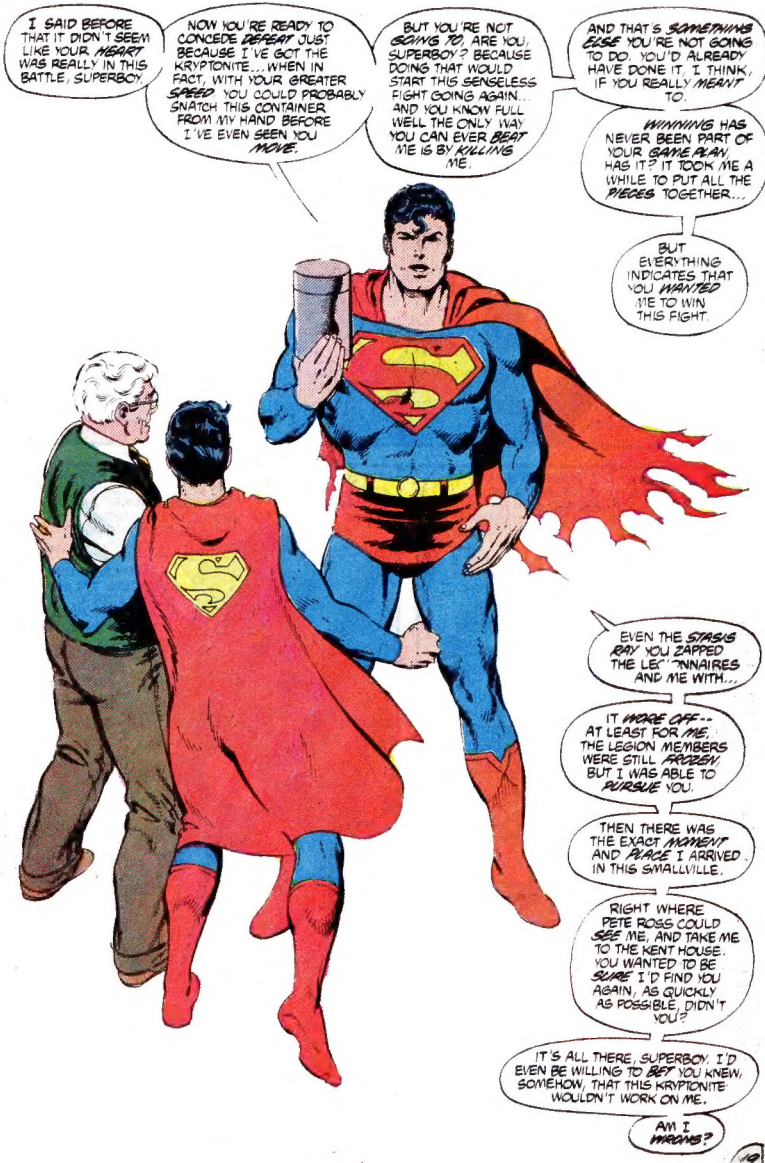
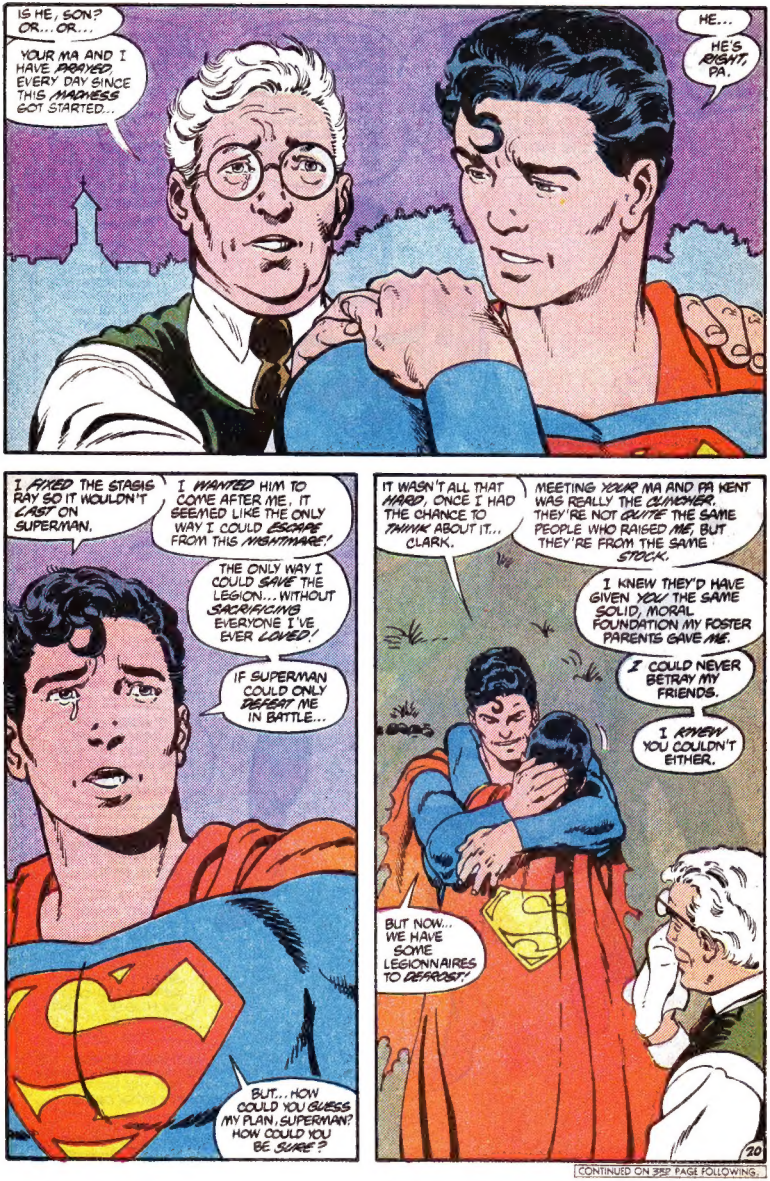

I SAID BEFORE THAT IT DIDN'T SEEM LIKE YOUR HEART WAS REALLY IN THIS BATTLE, SUPERBOY.
NOW YOU'RE READY TO CONCEDE DEFEAT JUST BECAUSE I'VE GOT THE KRYPTONITE... WHEN IN FACT, WITH YOUR GREATER SPEED YOU COULD PROBABLY SNATCH THIS CONTAINER FROM MY HAND BEFORE I'VE EVEN SEEN YOU MOVE.
BUT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO, ARE YOU, SUPERBOY? BECAUSE DOING THAT WOULD START THIS SENSELESS FIGHT GOING AGAIN... AND YOU KNOW FULL WELL THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN EVER BEAT ME IS BY KILLING ME.
AND THAT'S SOMETHING ELSE YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DO, YOU'D ALREADY HAVE DONE IT, I THINK, IF YOU REALLY MEANT TO.
WINNING HAS NEVER BEEN PART OF YOUR GAME PLAN, HAS IT? IT TOOK ME A WHILE TO PUT ALL THE PIECES TOGETHER...
BUT EVERYTHING INDICATES THAT YOU WANTED ME TO WIN THIS FIGHT.
EVEN THE STASIS RAY YOU ZAPPED THE LEGIONNAIRES AND ME WITH...
IT WORE OFF -- AT LEAST FOR ME. THE LEGION MEMBERS WERE STILL FROZEN, BUT I WAS ABLE TO PURSUE YOU.
THEN THERE WAS THE EXACT MOMENT AND PLACE I ARRIVED IN THIS SMALLVILLE.
RIGHT WHERE PETE ROSS COULD SEE ME, AND TAKE ME TO THE KENT HOUSE. YOU WANTED TO BE SURE I'D FIND YOU AGAIN, AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, DIDN'T YOU?
IT'S ALL THERE, SUPERBOY. I'D EVEN BE WILLING TO BET YOU KNEW, SOMEHOW, THAT THIS KRYPTONITE WOULDN'T WORK ON ME.
AM I WRONG?


IS HE, SON? OR... OR...
YOUR MA AND I HAVE PRAYED, EVERY DAY SINCE THIS MADNESS GOT STARTED...
HE...
HE'S RIGHT, PA.
I FIXED THE STASIS RAY SO IT WOULDN'T LAST ON SUPERMAN.
I WANTED HIM TO COME AFTER ME. IT SEEMED LIKE THE ONLY WAY I COULD ESCAPE FROM THIS NIGHTMARE!
THE ONLY WAY I COULD SAVE THE LEGION... WITHOUT SACRIFICING EVERYONE I'VE EVER LOVED!
IF SUPERMAN COULD ONLY DEFEAT ME IN BATTLE...
BUT... HOW COULD YOU GUESS MY PLAN, SUPERMAN? HOW COULD YOU BE SURE?
IT WASN'T ALL THAT HARD, ONCE I HAD THE CHANCE TO THINK ABOUT IT... CLARK.
MEETING YOUR MA AND PA KENT WAS REALLY THE CLINCHER. THEY'RE NOT QUITE THE SAME PEOPLE WHO RAISED ME, BUT THEY'RE FROM THE SAME STOCK.
I KNEW THEY'D HAVE GIVEN YOU THE SAME SOLID, MORAL FOUNDATION MY FOSTER PARENTS GAVE ME.
I COULD NEVER BETRAY MY FRIENDS.
I KNEW YOU COULDN'T EITHER.
BUT NOW... WE HAVE SOME LEGIONNAIRES TO DEFROST!
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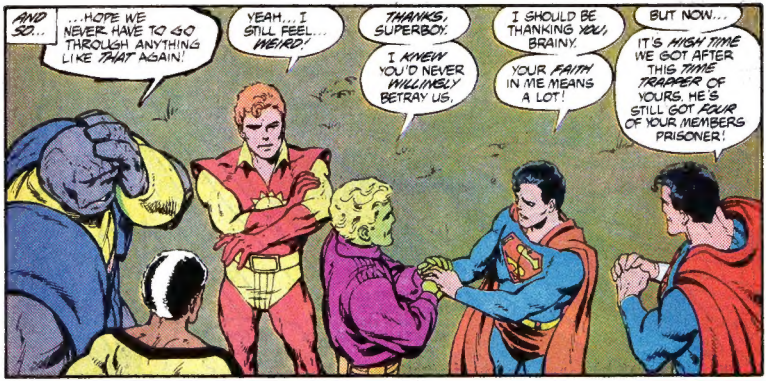
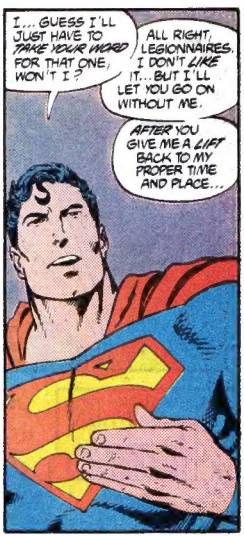
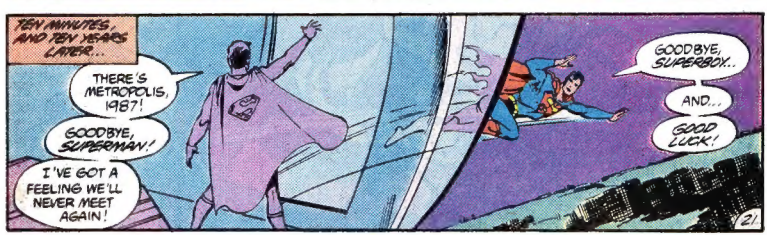
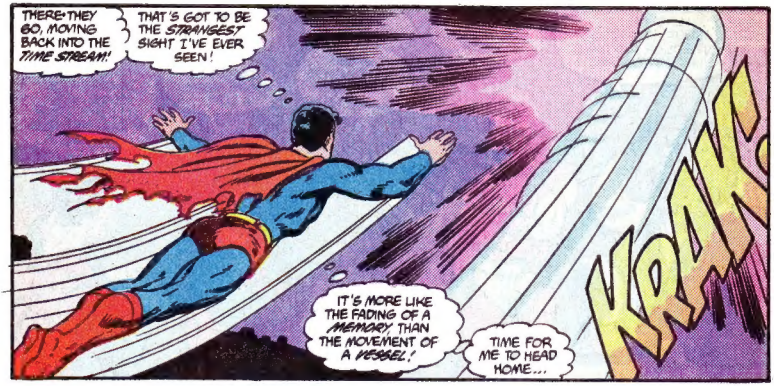

AND SO...
...HOPE WE NEVER HAVE TO GO THROUGH ANYTHING LIKE THAT AGAIN!
YEAH... I STILL FEEL... WEIRD!
THANKS, SUPERBOY.
I KNEW YOU'D NEVER WILLINGLY BETRAY US.
I SHOULD BE THANKING YOU, BRAINY.
YOUR FAITH IN ME MEANS A LOT!
BUT NOW...
IT'S MISH TIME WE GOT AFTER THIS TIME TRAPPER OF YOURS. HE'S STILL GOT FOUR OF YOUR MEMBERS PRISONER!

YES, IT IS, SUPERMAN.
BUT YOU'RE NOT COMING WITH US!
WHAT??

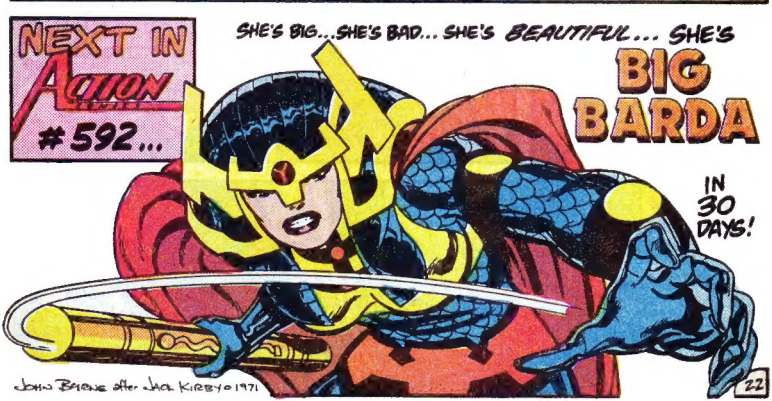
WE DON'T DARE RISK IT, SUPERMAN. IF THE TIME TRAPPER WINS YOU MIGHT BE KILLED, OR TRAPPED FOREVER AT THE END OF TIME!
WE CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN! YOU BELONG IN THE 20TH CENTURY, SUPERMAN.
THERE IS STILL MUCH FOR YOU TO DO THERE--
--TO MAKE OUR TIME POSSIBLE!


I... GUESS I'LL JUST HAVE TO TAKE YOUR WORD FOR THAT ONE, WON'T I?
ALL RIGHT, LEGIONNAIRES. I DON'T LIKE IT... BUT I'LL LET YOU GO ON WITHOUT ME.
AFTER YOU GIVE ME A LIFT BACK TO MY PROPER TIME AND PLACE...


TEN MINUTES, AND TEN YEARS LATER...
THERE'S METROPOLIS, 1987!
GOODBYE, SUPERMAN!
I'VE GOT A FEELING WE'LL NEVER MEET AGAIN!
GOODBYE, SUPERBOY..
AND...
GOOD LUCK!


THERE-THEY GO, MOVING BACK INTO THE TIME STREAM!
THAT'S GOT TO BE THE STRANGEST SIGHT I'VE EVER SEEN!
IT'S MORE LIKE THE FADING OF A MEMORY, THAN THE MOVEMENT OF A VESSEL.
TIME FOR ME TO HEAD HOME...
KRAK

"HOME..."
I WONDER IF THAT LITTLE WORD WILL EVER AGAIN HAVE QUITE THE SAME MEANINGS FOR ME?
IN THE PAST FEW HOURS I'VE SEEN A WHOLE WORLD THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN!
A SIMPLER WORLD, PERHAPS A HAPPIER ONE...
I DO ENVY SUPERBOY, JUST A LITTLE.
WHATEVER HAPPENS NEXT-- IF NEXT HAS ANY MEANING-- I HOPE HE'LL FIND THE PEACE HE'S EARNED.
...TO BE CONCLUDED IN LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #30.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SHE'S BIG...SHE'S BAD... SHE'S BEAUTIFUL... SHE'S
BIG BARDA
IN 30 DAYS!
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